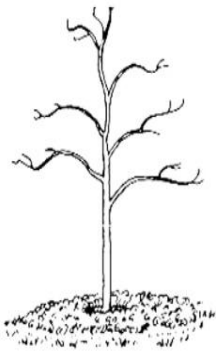


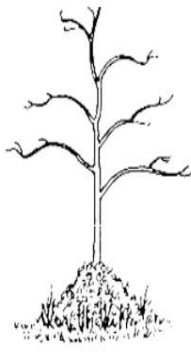


Mulching: Best Practices

- Use organic materials (bark/wood chips).
- New trees - at least 4' diameter around the tree.
- Established trees - dripline or as far out as practical.
- Mulch in an even layer, 2-3" deep.
- Keep mulch away from trunk.
- Replenish when necessary.



Mulch properly applied



Mulch too deep

Follow mulching best practices.

Avoid volcano mulching (piling mulch up high against the tree trunk) – as that contributes to bark rot and will eventually force the roots to push up seeking air. Volcano mulching promotes bark rot and root deformities --- and will eventually, if repeated annually, result in the demise of the tree.